

HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL

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Headmaster: Mr. Warren Honey BSc (Hons), MEd



Dear Parent/Carer,

Ever since the government has permitted the possibility of primary schools opening up to more year groups, we have considered whether we can do this in a safe and responsible manner.

We believe we have a means of allowing Year 5 back to school in a partial return approach. This will allow them to have the benefits of being back at school with their peers, be taught by Mrs Kenton, and have a final push in terms of their 11+ preparation as the year draws to a close.

All children would be brought to school via the school minibus from the Arboretum car park, with specified times given by Mr Ison (only 4 can travel at any one time). Before getting on to the minibus, the driver will have checked with each parent a series of screening questions; these ensure that no child is entering the bus with someone at home suffering coronavirus symptoms. All users of the minibus must wear face masks covering the nose and mouth. On arrival at school, the children will be taken through our hand cleaning protocol and taken to the classroom and corridor that is for their use alone.

Mrs Kenton will be delivering a focused series of sessions from 9.05am until 12.20pm on English, Maths and Reasoning. These subjects are especially valuable both as core elements and for their importance within the 11+ exam context. The children will have a brief break to stretch their legs during the morning.


At the end of the 12.20pm session, the children will return to the minibus in groups of 4, and be returned to parents at the Arboretum car park for designated times. Again, the children must wear their masks for this journey. There will be no lunch time or provision whilst at school, given the implications for staffing that we cannot accommodate. There will be the online video lessons still available when the children reach home, as delivered in PE, Music, Spanish and Art.

(For children of Key Workers, they will be able to eat their packed lunch at school and then will be supervised together completing the afternoon's lessons as normal)

For children who are unable to attend school due to shielding or similar concerns, Mrs Kenton will upload the suitable materials for the lesson on Teams as currently, and the pupils will be able to watch the video. Obviously, it will not be as simple for them to receive direct feedback compared to the children in the class, so we hope that everyone will be able to join us.

Please see the attached booklet detailing all our Return to School protocols. Do let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We would like to establish whether this is viable, so please let me know by Thursday 18th June 4.00pm via email.

Kind regards



Warren Honey